

# DECISION FORM

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Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Theodor Karlsson	
Player's number: 11	
Player's union: Sweden	
Competition: Rugby Europe Sevens Trophy Series Budapest	
Host Team (T1): Sweden	Visiting Team (T2): Luxembourg
Venue: Budapest Rugby Centre	
Date of match: 13 July 2024	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby and Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations	
Referee Name: Damien Davvison	
Plea: <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not admitted	
Offence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
<i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i> Two yellow cards in a single game resulting in a red card under Europe Rugby Disciplinary Regulation 4.3.1	
Hearing details	
JO: Rose Alice Murphy	
Hearing date: 13 July 2024	
Hearing venue: Budapest Rugby Centre	
Appearance Player: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A	
Appearance Union: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A	
Player's Representative(s): Richard van den Brock (Head Coach)	
Other attendees: Veceslav Holjevac as an observer	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: 3 referee reports, footage of the 2 yellow card incidents.	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
The Player was awarded 2 yellow cards during the course of game as set out below:	
<i>Card 1</i>	
A yellow card was issued for an infringement of 9:13 which the referee said was for a high tackle. From the footage, we can see a Luxembourg player running with the ball almost beside the Player. The Player overtakes the Luxembourg player and turns in towards him before moving in front of him. As he turns in towards the Luxembourg player he raises his arm and his arm and hand make contact with the head of the Luxembourg player who is in the process of slipping and falling to his knees. The Player remains upright at all times.	
<i>Card 2</i>	
A yellow card was issued under 9.27 for what the referee described as a cynical knock-on. From the footage (minute 1.27 second half), a Luxembourg player is running at an angle having received the ball (legally) from his own player. The Player is sidestepping for a small number of steps while tracking the player with the ball who straightens up. The Player tackles the Luxembourg who and during the course of the tackle makes contact with the ball which goes forward from him.	

### Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)

N/A

### Summary of player's evidence

The Player did not provide a written statement but, along with his coach did give the following statements in relation to each card:

#### *Card 1*

The Player accepted that his actions constituted an offence which warranted a yellow card.

#### *Card 2*

The Player said that it is clear from his body position that he is tracking the hips of the player with the ball. His arms go up to make a legal tackle and wraps the player. The contact with the ball was accidental.

### Findings of fact

In summary, I have upheld Card 1 (which the player accepted) but have overturned Card 2 for the reasons set out below.

#### *Card 2*

I accept the Player's submissions in relation to Card 2. The footage shows that he is tracking the player carrying the ball in a position to tackle him. In making the tackle he wraps his hand around the player and the contact with the ball was accidental and does not constitute a yellow card offence.

### Decision

Proven  Not proven  Other disposal (please state)

# SANCTIONNING PROCESS

## Assessment of seriousness

*As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby*

### Assessment of intent:

Intentional/deliberate  Reckless

### Reasons for finding as to intend:

### Nature of actions

### Existence of provocation:

### Whether player retaliated:

### Self-defence:

### Effect on victim:

### Effect on match:

### Vulnerability of victim:

### Level of participation / premeditation:

### Conduct completed / attempted:

<b>Other features of player's conduct:</b>

Entry point					
Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Reasons for entry point:</b>					

Relevant off-field mitigating factors	
<i>As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby</i>	
<b>Acknowledgement of guilt and timing:</b>	<b>Player's disciplinary record/good character:</b>
<b>Youth and inexperience of player:</b>	<b>Conduct prior to and at hearing:</b>
<b>Remorse and timing of Remorse</b>	<b>Other off-field mitigation:</b>
<b>Number of weeks deducted: [XX]</b>	

<b>Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:</b>

**Additional relevant off-field aggravating factors**

*As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby*

**Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game:**

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**Need for deterrence:**

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**Any other off-field aggravating factors:**

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**Number of additional weeks: [XX]**

**Summary of reason for number of weeks added:**

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## SANCTION

**NOTE:** Players ordered off or cited by a citing commissioner are provisionally suspended pending the hearing of their case, such suspension should be taken into consideration when sanctioning – RE Discipline Regulations 4.1.4 / 4.4 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences:	
Sanction concludes:	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction:	
Costs:	

<b>Signature</b>
Name of the JO or Chairman: Rose Alice Murphy
Date: 13 July 2024
Signature (JO or Chairman):  Rose Alice Murphy

**NOTE:** You have 48 hours from notification of the decision of the chairman/jo to lodge an appeal with the tournament director – RE Discipline Regulations 4.6.2 (or equivalent Tournament rule)